

# Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2018

6:30 PM

Pine Grove Area Middle School

Pine Grove, PA

**Dr. Evelyn Wassel**  
**Board President**

**Mr. Heath W. Renninger**  
**Superintendent**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board President Evelyn Wassel at 6:30 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

Steve Brill	Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Dave Frew
J.T. Herber	Dave Lukasewicz (by phone)	Wes Ney (Absent)
Randy Stump	Alethea Wessner	Evelyn Wassel
Hannah Reiter, Student Representative		

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Vicki Terrilliger, Press Herald, Joan Schwer, Press, Bernie Kelly, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Pam Watts, Sandy Burns, Mary Figura, Andy Diehl, Henry Snyder, Andrea Hatter, Michael Withrow with parents and boyfriend, Nicholas Brown with mother and siblings, Ashton Owens with parents and brother.

4. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS
  - Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and Evelyn Wassel honored Seniors of the Month – Michaela Withrow and Nicholas Brown
  - Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Evelyn Wassel honored 8<sup>th</sup> Grader of the Month – Ashton Owens
5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
  - Homecoming was a great weekend thank you to everyone involved.
  - Schuylkill Emergency Management conducted a county radio testing this week.
  - Independent and State Auditors have been in this week.
  - Professional Development for staff was held on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Today through social media it was announced that we will be holding an ALICE drill on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
6. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the 09/20/2018 Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes.

**Vote was Unanimous**

8. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (*Dave Frew, Chairperson*)

D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to approve Items A and B.

**Vote was Unanimous**

A. Approval to purchase security fencing and a gate from Security Fence Co. for the front of the elementary school playground at a price not to exceed \$5,000. This will be paid from the Capital Projects Account, line item School Safety.

B. Approval to purchase door alarms for the exterior doors at the high school at a price not to exceed \$5,000.

9. CURRICULUM (*Evelyn Wassel, Chairperson*)

J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to approve Items A through C.

**Vote was Unanimous**

A. Approval to allow the JROTC Rifle Team to attend a Rifle Competition on November 3, 2018 in Pemberton, New Jersey.

B. Approval to start a Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society in Pine Grove Area High School. Monica Breiner will be the advisor.

C. Approval to start a Pine Grove Area Chapter of Quill and Scroll International Honor Society for High School Journalists. Andrea Hatter will be the advisor.

10. FINANCE/AUDIT (*Dave Frew- Chairperson*)

D.Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve Items A and B.

**Vote was Unanimous**

A. Approval of bills for payment.

B. Approval of the Treasurer's Report.

11. EXTRA-CURRICULAR (*Wes Ney, Chairperson*)

D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve Items A through F.

**Vote was Unanimous**

A. Approval to hire Joe Newhouser as the Girls' Basketball First Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,925.00.

B. Approval to hire Lauren Thompson and Becky Evans as Girls' Basketball Assistant Coaches at a split stipend of \$1,350 each.

C. Approval to hire James Kintzel as Wrestling Coach First Assistant at a stipend of \$2,925.

D. Approval to hire Paul Felty as Assistant Wrestling Coach at a stipend of \$2,700.

- E. Approval to hire Allen Wolfe, Sr. and Ken Newswanger as Assistant Wrestling Coaches at a split stipend of \$1,350 each.
- F. Approval of the following volunteers for the wrestling program: Eric Schneck, Allen Daubert Jr., Eli Brill, Kody Rittenbaugh, Frank Gaffney and Charles Aungst (pending receipt of all clearances).

12. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items A through G

**Vote was Unanimous**

A. Approval to grant tenure to the following teachers:

Anthony Burkle  
James Fickes  
Samantha Kemmerling  
Kaitlin Patches  
McKenzie Sterner  
Samanatha Starr Bohn

- B. Approval to hire Alison Gimbi as a Temporary Professional beginning on October 22, 2018. Ms. Gimbi will be paid Masters Step 1 for a salary of \$42,433 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will be the high school guidance counselor.
- C. Approval to accept the intent to retire from Michael Mease, Maintenance Worker effective October 31, 2018.
- D. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation letter from Richard Niemi, Maintenance worker effective October 9, 2018.
- E. Approval to grant intermittent absences from October of 2018 through June of 2019 for employee #98622 under the Family and Medical Leave Act to care for a family member.
- F. Approval to add Chelsea Crary to the list of substitute aides.
- G. Approval of district volunteers: Kristy Geist, Brianna Johnson, Molly Daub, Sarah Jones, Melanie Hartman, Samantha Fisher, Colleen Hozella.

13. POLICY- (*J.T. Herber, Chairperson*)

J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items A through E.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of Policy 813.1 "Insurance Guidelines for Outside Vendors, Contractors, & Service Providers."
- B. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of Policy 806 "Child Abuse."

- C. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of Policy 006 "Meetings."
- D. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of Policy 311 "Reduction of Staff."
- E. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of Policy 108 "Adoption of Textbooks."
14. TRANSPORTATION- *(Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)*
15. TECHNOLOGY - *(Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson)*  
D. Brown made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to approve Item A.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- A. Approval of the 4 year contract with Edwards Business Systems to provide 4 copiers to be used in each of the faculty rooms and the special education office for a total cost of \$64,565.7. This is a savings of approximately \$63,900 over 4 years.
16. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - (Hannah Reiter)  
• Hannah gave an update of all events in the elementary school, middle school and high school for this month.
17. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT - *(Dave Frew, Representative)*  
• Dave said the professional staff contract for the Vo-Tech staff has been accepted and is just waiting ratification. Also the roof project has been completed.
18. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
• J.T. Herber said the PTO Breakfast held before the Book Fair he has attended for the past few years. It is a great event.
19. ADJOURNMENT - On a motion by S. Brill, seconded by R. Stump the board adjourned the meeting into an executive session at 7:10 pm. The executive session ended at 7:32 pm,

  
Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary